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IN GLUCOSE AND LIPID METABOLISM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, please make the following amendments in the above-identified application in order to place it in condition for examination.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

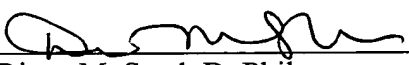
--This application is the U.S. national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US04/10686, filed on April 7, 2004.--

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Respectfully submitted,

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